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In re the Application of: **Akio ISHIKAWA et al.**

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METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIA HAVING ITS CONTROL  
PROGRAMS RECORDED THEREON**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Title**

Applicants request that the title of the invention be changed from “COMPETITIVE BUYING AND SELLING SYSTEM, ITS CONTROL METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIA HAVING ITS CONTROL PROGRAMS RECORDED THEREON” to “COMPETITIVE BUYING AND SELLING SYSTEM AND ITS CONTROL METHOD.”